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PSC APPROVES REQUEST FILED BY TRI-STATES UTILITY, INC.

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application which authorizes Tri-States Utility, Inc. (Tri-States) to provide water service to an expanded service area in an unincorporated area of Taney County near Branson.

In a memorandum filed with the Commission, the PSC Staff recommended the application be approved. Staff indicated that Tri-States has the technical, managerial and financial capabilities needed to serve the proposed area. In addition, Staff noted that Tri-States has adequate capacity to provide service to the existing and proposed area. According to the recommendation, granting the Tri-States request will not directly require additional investment in plant, and expansion of the service area is financially feasible.

Based on the information submitted by Tri-States in its application and the recommendation filed by the PSC Staff, the Commission has approved the Tri-States request to extend and enlarge its service area in Taney County.

Tri-States Utility, Inc. currently serves approximately 2,900 water customers in Taney County in and around Branson, Missouri.

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